

School _____

Division _____

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Science Olympiad is devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. As such, the program has always required that teams be school-based, with all team members attending the same school.

Teams participating in the Virginia Science Olympiad must be recognized as a school-sponsored organization by the principal (or equivalent) of the school. Signing this form and registering a team acknowledges this relationship.

The School Coach – The principal authorizes a coach to act on behalf of the school team(s). The coach is a representative of the school and is responsible for ensuring that the team follows all school-established policies and procedures for student supervision, liability and safety.

The coach of the team(s) serves as the VASO primary point of contact. The coach will register the team(s), manage them and supervise their competition, and ensure that VASO policies are met. VASO highly recommends that coaches work with, **or are themselves**, a school employee who will serve as a school liaison. This school employee liaison can ensure compliance with school policies and support team administration, including organizing school paperwork necessary for travel to tournaments, procuring team supplies and meeting space, and assisting in team selection.

Conduct and Vandalism – Each sponsoring school is responsible for the conduct of its participants. Students, coaches and other adults are responsible for ensuring that any applicable school or Science Olympiad policy, law, or regulation is not broken. All Virginia Science Olympiad content (e.g., policies, requirements, clarifications, etc. on virginiaso.org) must be treated as if it were included in the printed rules.

If a member(s) or person(s) on or associated with a team commit(s) an act of vandalism, the team may be disqualified from the competition. In egregious cases of vandalism, as determined by tournament officials, no member of that team will be awarded a medal in ANY event and persons may be barred from future competitions. Each sponsoring school agrees to pay the cost of repairing damage from any act of vandalism. Vandalism means a deliberate action that results in damage to property, including, but not limited to, graffiti, damage to facility property, and damage to others' personal property.

I have read and understand the VASO School Sponsorship Policy. By signing agree, I that the following is the authorized coach for the school.

Coach (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date _____

Principal (Print): _____ Signature: _____ Date _____